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HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity. House passed H.R. 2516, to extend ISTEA through March 31, 1998. House Committees ordered reported seven sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Six bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1242–1247, and S. Res. 129.

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Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows: S. 1173, to authorize funds for construction of highways, for highway safety programs, and for mass transit programs, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 105–95)

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Measures Passed:

Commerce, Justice, State, the Judiciary Appro*priations, 1998:* Pursuant to the order of Thursday, July 24, 1997, Senate passed H.R. 2267, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1022, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate on Tuesday, July 29, 1997, that the Senate insisted on its amendment, and the Chair appointed the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Gregg, Stevens, Domenici, McConnell, Hutchison, Campbell, Cochran, Hollings, Byrd, Inouye, Bumpers, Lautenberg, and Mikulski. Page S10265

Subsequently, S. 1022 was indefinitely postponed and previous passage of the bill was vitiated.

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National Flood Insurance Reauthorization: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 1179, to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, and the bill was then passed.

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District of Columbia Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1156, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Faircloth/Boxer Amendment No. 1271, to make a technical correction.

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Faircloth/Boxer Amendment No. 1272, of a technical nature. Pages \$10260-62

Faircloth/Boxer Amendment No. 1273, to express the sense of the Senate supporting the management teams and management reform plans authorized in the District of Columbia Management Reform Act of 1997.

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Faircloth (for Brownback) Amendment No. 1274, to ensure the effectiveness of the charter school program.

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Boxer (for Moynihan) Amendment No. 1275, to designate the year 2000 as the Year of the National Bicentennial Celebration for Washington, D.C.—the Nation's Capital.

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Boxer (for Byrd) Amendment No. 1276, to establish a remedial education pilot program in the District of Columbia in the District of Columbia public schools.

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Pending:

Coats Modified Amendment No. 1249, to provide scholarship assistance for District of Columbia elementary and secondary school students.

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Graham/Mack/Kennedy Amendment No. 1252, to provide relief to certain aliens who would otherwise be subject to removal from the United States.

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Mack/Graham/Kennedy Modified Amendment No. 1253 (to Amendment No. 1252), in the nature of a substitute. (By 2 yeas to 97 nays (Vote No. 265), Senate failed to table the amendment.)

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Department of the Treasury/Postal Service Appropriations—Conference Report: By 55 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 264), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2378, making appropriations for the Treasury Department, the United States Postal Service, the Executive Office of the President, and certain Independent Agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, clearing the measure for the President. Pages S10245-52

Religious Workers Act: Senate concurred in the amendments of the House to S. 1198, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to extend the special immigrant religious worker program, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to extend the deadline for designation of an effective date for paperwork changes in the employer sanctions program, and to require the Secretary of State to waive or reduce the fee for application and issuance of a nonimmigrant visa for aliens coming to the United States for certain charitable purposes, clearing the measure for the President. Page S10305

Appointments:

Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, pursuant to Public Law 99-498, appointed Charles Terrell, of Massachusetts, to the Advisory Committee on Student Financial Assistance for a three-year term effective October 1, 1997.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Steven J. Green, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Singapore.

Daniel Charles Kurtzer, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Duncan T. Moore, of New York, to be an Associate Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Steven Karl Pifer, of California, to be Ambassador to Ukraine. Page S10306

Messages From the House: Pages S10292-93

Measures Placed on Calendar: Page S10293

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Amendments Submitted: Pages S10296-97

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Additional Statements:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—265)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:02 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Friday, October 3, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10306.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies held hearings to examine the findings of a National Cancer Institute report on radioactive fallout from atomic weapons tests conducted by the United States government in the 1950s, and the incidence of thyroid cancer in the State of Iowa, receiving testimony from Richard Klausner, Director, National Cancer Institute, National Institutes Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Andrea Holden McGuire, Staff Physician, VA Medical Center (Des Moines, Iowa), Department of Veterans Affairs; Joseph L. Lyon, University of Utah, Salt Lake City; Jan Beyea, Consulting in the Public Interest, Lambertville, New Jersey; and Timothy J. Connor, Energy Research Foundation, Spokane, Washington.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Jacques Gansler, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of William E. Kennard, of California, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Moseley-Braun, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL/WILD HORSES **PRESERVATION**

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation concluded hearings on S. 940, to provide for a study of the establishment of Midway